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HALIBUT ON QUERO BANK.

Sch. Senator Has Fare of 28,000 Lbs. Besides Flitches.

Arrivals here today are not too plenty, and there are no feature fares to mark the closing of the local fish week. Sch. Senator, Capt. George Marr, of the halibut fleet, has a good trip and striking a good market, will profit well.

Sch. Senator is from Quero Bank, and has about 28,000 pounds of halibut, beside a few flitches and salt cod. On the last set one vessel got 13,000 pounds of halibut, and this together with the big trip of sch. Mooween at Boston, makes it look as though halibut struck in on the bank for their winter home.

Sch. Essex, Capt. Dominick Arsenault, of the flitched halibut fleet, is home with 65,000 pounds of flitches and 50,000 pounds of salt cod, leaving four more of the fleet yet to come. Schs. Oregon, Massachusetts, Jennie B. Hodgdon and S. P. Willard.

Sch. W. H. Moody, from Georges handlining, has a good catch, 45,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Lawrence Murdock, in the same line of fishing, has a broken trip, having to come home to land two sick men.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart is here from Boston with 70,000 pounds of new fish for the splitters and sch. Lafayette from shore fishing, had 3000 pounds of market fish.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Senator, Quero Bank, 28,000 lbs. halibut, 3000 lbs. flitched halibut, 4000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Essex, Bacalieu Bank, 65,000 lbs. flitched halibut, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rebecca, Rips.
Sch. Actor, shore.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddock-ing.
Sch. Romance, shacking.
Sch. Conqueror, shacking.
Sch. Constellation, seining.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Mary Edith, haddocking.
Sch. Robert C. Harris, shore.
Sch. Lottie Bryne, Provincetown.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, Rips.
Sch. Margaret, halibuting.
Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges.
Sch. Carrie C., Georges.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.
Outside sales fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67½c.
Outside sales, fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.
Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.
Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.
Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.
Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. right through.
Flitched halibut, 8 1-4 cts. per lb.
Salt bullseyes, \$9.50 per bbl.
Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed, \$30 per bbl.
Salt small mackerel, \$20 per bbl.
Small fresh mackerel, 9c each.
Board of Trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large \$3.75, medium \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large \$3.37½ per cwt., medium \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

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Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 70 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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PLENTY OF FISH AT THIS PORT.

Arrivals Since Saturday Aggregate Over Million Pounds.

Gloucester has all the fish it wants today, fares of salt and fresh cod having been coming in since Saturday, so that this morning the receipts aggregate over a million pounds of fish.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Angus Hines, one of the dory handliners from Quero Bank, arrived during the night with a monster trip of 340,000 pounds of salt cod, which is the largest fare of the season. Capt. Hines struck good fishing, and the craft was pretty deep in the water when she came up the harbor.

Then there are several shackers, all with big fares. Sch. Rex has 175,000 pounds, sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, 180,000 pounds, sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, 200,000 pounds, sch. James W. Parker, Capt. George Tufts, 190,000 pounds, and sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, 210,000 pounds.

Sch. Mooween, Capt. Daniel McDonald, came from Boston Saturday after marketing her halibut to dispose of her salt fare of 25,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Wm. H. Rider, Capt. Nils Larson, is in port from a Georges handlining trip, with 38,000 pounds salt cod, while sch. Patriot, Capt. Alex Surret, one of the eastern drift crafts, has a fare of 50,000 salt cod.

Sch. Paragon, Capt. William Hermon, who sold his halibut fare at Portland, is here with no fish.

Besides the fresh and salt fares, four crafts, schs. Susan Francis, Annie F. Kimball, Myra Sears and Laura and Marion are here from the Maine coast with cured fish.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Quero Bank, 340,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Rex, Quero Bank, 40,000 lbs. salt cod, 135,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Quero Bank, 55,000 lbs. salt cod, 125,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Quero Bank, 60,000 lbs. salt cod, 140,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. James W. Parker, Quero Bank, 65,000 lbs. salt cod, 125,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Mooween, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Paragon, via Portland.
Sch. Wm. H. Rider, Western Bank, 38,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Patriot, eastern drifting, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Onato, Quero Bank, 70,000 lbs. salt cod, 140,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Annie Kimball, Southwest Harbor, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Laura and Marion, Manset, Me., 900 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Susan Francis, Winter Harbor, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Myra Sears, Northeast Harbor, Me., 750 qtls. cured fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
Sch. Lafayette, shore.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.
Sch. Vanessa, halibuting.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, haddocking.
Sch. Winifred, Rips.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.

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PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sch. James H. Hoyt, coal from Philadelphia.
Sch. Lottie F. Bead, coal from New York.
Sch. Willie A. Swift, Boston to Portland.
Sch. John S. Presson, Boston to Ipswich.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Maxine Elliott is on the Rocky Neck railways.
Sch. Tartar is on Parkhurst's railways.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Senator Saulsbury and Grace Darling were at Liverpool, N. S., on Thursday.
Sch. John R. Bradley was at Canso, N. S., Thursday.
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant arrived at Liverpool Friday last, and is reported as having 275,000 lbs. of salt cod.

New Style Fishing Boat.

The Jacobs Brothers, boat builders of Portland, have recently built a new fishing boat, sloop rigged, which in model is widely different from the usual type of that class of boats. The new craft is 28 feet in length, nine and a half feet wide, and is equipped with a 7 1-2 horse power Mianus engine. She has an eight-foot house forward, covering her engine, has a square overhanging stern and a very large cockpit. She carries what is called a scallop hoist attached to the engine to haul in her trawls, and has a derrick attachment to her mast to haul in the fish. She is owned by Abial M. Smith of Portland, who designed the craft and had her built to test his theory as to what is the best shape for a market fishing boat.

Lunenburg, N. S., Fishermen Had Good Year.

The fishing season for this year at Lunenburg, N. S., is practically ended, although there are several vessels still on the banks, and some of the vessels whose catches are small are still on the fishing grounds and when fully reported the total catch will be larger than any other previous season.

The 84 vessels reported at the customs have an average catch of 1486 quintals, which is considered the largest yet, the prices are much better than last year, and the season a most profitable one for our fishermen.

The total catch so far is 124,875 quintals.

Record Halibut Stock.

Sch. Mooween, in command of Capt. Daniel McDonald, made a fine stock as the result of his recent halibut trip, stocking \$4500.

This is the biggest halibut stock for several seasons and "Little Dan" evidently knows where to find them. The craft disposed of her halibut fare in Boston and came down here with her salt trip of 25,000 cod, which will swell the proceeds of the trip, giving the crew a fat share.

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Made Good Stock.

Sch. Paragon which put into Portland Friday with her halibut fare disposed of her trip, finding a bare market, so that Capt. Hermon realized the fine stock of \$2200.

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BOSTON RECEIPTS PLENTIFUL TODAY

Prices Fair For This Time of
the Year.

Twenty-four arrivals of vessels were at Boston this morning when the dealers opened up, aggregating over 600,000 pounds of fish mostly fresh, the largest fare being 62,000 pounds in sch. Benj. F. Phillips. Trade started off briskly with prices fair for this time of the season.

Only one trip of swordfish was landed, sch. Valentinna having 39 fish. Sch. Agnes, Capt. Ernest Engstrom, had 25,000 pounds of halibut, it being the only halibut fare in, besides 16,000 pounds fresh mixed fish, and 10,000 pounds of salt cod. There were no sales on halibut early this morning.

Among the ground fish trips are schs. Manomet, Jessie Costa, William A. Morse, Rose Dorothea, Harvester and Aspinet. The steam beam trawler Spray is also at Boston with a mixed fare of haddock and cod.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sloop Marion, 200 haddock, 1090 cod.
Sloop Two Sisters, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Esther Gray, 18,000 pollock.
Sch. Actor.
Sch. Eva Avina, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Priscilla, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Manomet, 5000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 16,000 hake.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 12,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 18,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Eva L. Spurr, 12,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Viola, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Matiana, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. William A. Morse, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 15,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Steamer Spray, 30,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Agnes, 8000 cod, 8000 hake, 25,000 halibut, 10,000 salt cod.
Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Harvester, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Valentinna, 39 swordfish.
Sch. James and Esther, 21,000 cod.
Sch. Athena, 15,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Aspinet, 14,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 28,000 cusk.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 14,000 cod.
Haddock, \$1 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.25; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, 70 cents to \$1; cusk, \$2; pollock \$1.

Portland Fish News.

The fishing schooner Watauga, which has been on a long cruise to the eastward in search of swordfish, returned to Portland Friday empty. She went as far as Halifax, but did not strike a fish.

Large schools of herring were seen off Cape Elizabeth yesterday and the dealers expect to hear of some good catches today.

With 50,000 pounds of mixed fish and 10,000 pounds of halibut the largest amount brought into port for over two weeks the big fishing schooner Paragon crept into Portland Friday morning through the heavy fog which hung over the water. The only other arrival was the Bernie and Bessie which brought in 7000 pounds of mixed fish. The Paragon's fare was needed badly by the dealers as there has been a shortage in mixed fish for several days.

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The Biggest Flounder.

The largest flounder ever seen at Plum Island was brought in by Fred Coffin Sunday. The fish was caught near the mouth of the basin and measured 22 1/2 inches long and 12 inches wide, and weighed six pounds. Quite a number of fishermen along the shore came over to the dike to see this king of the flounder tribe and all agreed that it was the biggest catch of the season.

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ICEBERGS ON THE GRAND BANKS

Ocean Steamers Report
Them As Being Unusually
Numerous.

Seriously Interfere
With Operations of
the Fishing Fleet.

Somewhere not many miles east of Boston the ocean is thickly strewn with wreck-creators—icebergs that would quickly send to the bottom the staunchest ship. Incoming liners report the August flow of ice masses almost as great as in early summer, when glacial fragments are looked for as part of the difficulties encountered in crossing the western ocean.

Within a week or two steamships arriving in Boston have reported ice in the region of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. The Numidian, Capt. Moar, from Glasgow, passed within a mile of a berg that loomed high and was at least a mile long. The Bohemian, Capt. McCallum, from Liverpool, also passed near a monster ice mass, and the sea in its vicinity was thickly strewn with islets of ice formed by the disintegration of the great glistening wall.

During the first week in August icebergs were more plentiful off Newfoundland than at the same time in any year of the past quarter century. The eastern seaboard, according to hydrographic reports, is hemmed in by heavy masses of crystal that would destroy any craft thrown against them. One ship that arrived in Boston within a month was in the midst of a field of 100 bergs. Recently a ship at New York reported counting 1000 bergs and islets during 24 hours.

Interfered with Fisheries.

Navigation along the Canadian route has been seriously hampered during the summer by these menaces. Belle Isle strait has been closed till unusually late period and Labrador waters have been rendered very dangerous. The fishing fleet from Boston and Gloucester has been unable to operate there and the 1500 vessels, employing 25,000 persons, have had a poor run of luck in waters where business is ordinarily carried on with slight danger. Long continuance of the ice pack will seriously curtail the catch of cod.

The Labrador fishery represents one-third the catch of cod by the people of Newfoundland, and the season is short at best. The situation is causing much concern. Not since 1863 has there been any approach to present conditions, and in that year much less inconvenience was felt, as business relations did not demand such regular communication as at present. No one attempts to explain why these ice conditions exist in certain years and not in others.

The worst feature of the situation is that all bergs are drifting south into the track of Boston and New York liners. Fog follows ice and the more icebergs the more fog enshrouds the sea. Mist that always overhangs the Grand Banks is due to the steam generated by the commingling of the gulf stream with the Arctic current with its burden of ice.

Bergs recently reported have been of monster size and the larger they are the longer time is required for them to melt and the farther south they are carried before disappearing.

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PORTUGUESE MARKET CRAFT.

Several of the Boats Made Fine Stocks
Last Week.

The local vessels of the Portuguese market fishing fleet are still keeping up their big work and as a result of their fares landed last week have made more big money.

Here are some of the shares of the leading crafts:

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, \$61.
Sch. Belhina P. Domingoes, \$55.
Sch. Edith Silveira, \$60.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, \$60.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, \$60.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, \$43.

These crafts are now all ready for another trip, and this time will take frozen squid from the local freezer for bait.

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ARE CLAM LAWS VIOLATED?

Claim That Boston Greeks
Dig Here Unrestrictedly.

Do Greek fishermen, not residents and voters of this city, violate the laws in digging clams along the flats of Annisquam river, enjoying privileges, which are restricted in a measure to the citizens of this city, and residents of Essex county, is just at present agitating those who are interested in the clam industry?

It is claimed that such a condition prevails, and no steps have been taken to check it, the clams are being dug in large quantities, along the flats, and shipped to Boston, either as food or for fish bait.

Another act which those people are credited with is the catching of fish in Annisquam river by means of nets, another flagrant violation of the laws. For some time this clam digging practice has been in operation, the Greeks assembling in goodly numbers on the flats at low tide, and digging large quantities.

Last Sunday, no less than 11 were in one party, at the middle flats so-called, adjacent to the railroad track and opposite Wolf hill, and they labored with exceeding vigor, with the result that quite a haul was made. The local clam diggers don't as a rule operate Sundays, so that the fruits of this day's labors do not accrue to them, but is grabbed up by a body of men who have no legal right to work the flats, either Sunday or any other day.

It is claimed that many of those Greeks come from Boston and other places, remaining here only Sunday, and reap quite a rich harvest. Others of them it is learned live in this city, but have no acquired citizenship, and in fact some of them are not eligible as they can neither read or write. Residents of this city are of course permitted to dig the clams, for their own use and for market, but residents of the adjoining town of Essex cannot come here and take more than sufficient for their immediate use. Thus it is claimed that citizens of this country can dig in certain localities only limited quantities, yet those other men, foreigners, with no local ties, dig as much as they want without let or hindrance.

This is a condition which should be checked. This indiscriminate search of the flats would soon deplete them and leave them barren, although there is a law to protect them. If the citizens of this county cannot dig only a limited supply, certainly those who have no ties of kindred or otherwise should be subjected to the same restrictions at least, and the resident clam diggers should be protected.

This is a matter which should claim the immediate attention of those in authority and further violation of the character described should be punished. No half way measures should be used, but a prompt and summary treatment of the case is demanded not only by those whose bread and butter depend on the clam digging industry, but the interest of the community demand such a course of action.

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TWO SMALL CRUISERS.

According to Report Will Be Used
for Canadian Fisheries Protection.

Several stories are afloat regarding coming changes in the Canadian fishery protective service.

One story is to the effect that the cruiser Canada, the flagship of the Canadian navy, and protector of the fisheries along the Nova Scotia coast, will plough those waters no longer, but will do equally good service in other Canadian waters. Rumor now has it that she will go on service on the Great Lakes hereafter, but that her commander, Capt. Knowlton, and his crew will return later on and go into winter quarters at the Halifax dockyard.

The report further goes that hereafter the fisheries in this vicinity will be protected by two small cruisers or gun boats, one of which will be officered and manned by Capt. Knowlton and his crew, the latter being drilled at the dockyard during the winter with such a possibility in view for next season.

The Halifax Chronicle says: "This will not be good news for some of the Gloucester seining skippers who would prefer to see Capt. Knowlton remain on the lakes for service."

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SAT ON GUNWALE TILL RESCUED.

Capt. O'Neill of Sch. Valentinna Had
Encounter With Swordfish.

Two Men Asleep in Bunk Narrowly
Missed by Another Fish.

Capt. O'Neill of the swordfisherman Valentinna, which landed her fare at Boston yesterday, had a narrow escape recently while chasing a large swordfish, which plunged his sword through the side of the dory so that the craft filled with water and he was obliged to sit on the gunwale until his vessel came along and picked him up.

He went out in one of the dories himself to get a fish that had been fastened with the fly iron. It was medium sized and active. After trying to tire the captive out by rowing to the end of the buoy line and then pulling slowly back with it, the fish still showed no sign of giving up, and rowing again to the end of the line, he began to haul it in with force.

When within 10 feet of the dory, the fish shot forward, and before Capt. O'Neill knew what was taking place, it jabbed its long sword through the side of the craft and the inch and a half plank platform in the stern on which Capt. O'Neill was standing. The shock threw him into the bottom of the dory, and when he arose there was nine inches of the sword visible above the platform.

Capt. O'Neill took the "killer," a steel point shed pole used for such purpose, and jabbed it into the struggling swordfish repeatedly. He then broke off the part of the sword that was visible, but had to raise the platform and make a second break in the sword. When loose from the dory, the fish was wild and finally dove to the bottom with such force that it stuck the end of the sword, that remained into the mud and could not rise again.

Water began to flow into the dory through the hole in the side, and Capt. O'Neill was obliged to go to the bow and sit on the gunwale of the dory to get the hole above the water and wait there until his vessel came up to where he was.

He also told of a narrow escape from death of one of the three men of the catboat fisherman Mildred of Holmes Hole, which was related to him while on the fishing grounds. The three men were roused from their sleep by the noise of a pan falling, and the captain asked the man nearest why he kicked the pan. The man answered that he had not touched it, and as he rolled over his back came in contact with something sharp sticking from the floor at the side of his berth. When the light was lit the men saw that a swordfish had thrust its sword up through the bottom of the boat, just missing the berth, and came within a couple of inches of impaling the sleeping fisherman. The fish broke off its sword and escaped.